

#### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A slider (41) surrounds a female housing (30) and can move forward and backward thereon. Springs (46) are provided compressibly between the slider (41) and the female housing (30). A male housing (10) has a receptacle (11) for receiving the female housing (30) and the slider (41). The male housing (10) also has a lock arm (20) engageable with a lock (37) of the female housing (30). The lock arm (20) can interfere with the slider (41) upon being resiliently displaced, but does not interfere with the slider (41) upon being restored. Pushable portions (51) are provided at symmetrical positions on the female housing (30) and are pushable during a connecting operation. The slider (41) has escape grooves (52) for receiving the pushable portions (51).